the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) through the creation of community and social assets. Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) programme infrastructure is being strengthened through a 20% allocation of funds for the purpose. The monitoring and evaluation of these programmes in the newly created district of Orissa is also done as per the provisions laid down in the guidelines of the poverty alleviation programmes. The Government regularly reviews the implementation of rural poverty alleviation programmes namely the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) in various States through the Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC), State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) and at the District Level by the Governing Body of the District rural Development Agencies (DRDAs). These programmes are also monitored through a regular submission of comprehensive progress reports from the States on key indicators and through an intensive regiment of field inspections by officers of the Centre, State and the implementing agencies at the district, block and village level. In addition the physical progress is also monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation.

Cogentrix Power Project

4184. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether as compared to the BHEL, India the Cogentrix has lesser capacity and the cost of power would be 2.50 paise per kilowatt whereas with BHEL it will be 1.81 paise per kilowatt;

(b) whether any comparative survey was done in this regard before signing this agreement with a foreign firm;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Development of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries

4185. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of organisations of Delhi Government and Cooperative Sector units functioning for the development of Fruit and Vegetable Processing Industries in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to accord approval to some more units in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) to (d). Commissioner of Industries, Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, is the nodal agency responsible for the development of the fruit and vegetable processing industry in Delhi, on the recommendations of which the Ministry of Food Processing Industries have provided grant-in-aid of Rs. 3.00 lakhs to M/s. All India Social Justice Organisation for setting up a Food Processing-cum-Training Centre at Village Burari in West Delhi during the year 1995-96. In Delhi there are 357 licencees under the Fruit Products Order, 1955 engaged in processing, development of fruit processing industries in which the only unit in the Cooperative Sector is owned by M/s. NAFED Processed Foods and is located at Lawrence Road Industrial Area, New Delhi. Except for a licence under the Fruit Products Order,1955 to manufacture fruit products, no industrial licence, approval is necessary for setting up a fruit and vegetable processing industry.

[English]

New Variety of Cotton

4186. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new insect resistant variety of cotton has been developed which will at least drastically cut the use of chemical pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the field trials have been concluded in respect of this variety; and

(d) if so, the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, a multi-institutional project has been launched to develop transgenic cotton resistant to insect pests in March, 1994.

(c) and (d). Field trials would be initiated based on successful transformation and regeneration of Indian cultivators.